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# MONTHLY STATISTICAL SUMMARY



WESTERN  
AUSTRALIA

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## POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 30.6.1960

Males - 374,225 Females - 356,356 Persons - 730,581

Metropolitan at 31.12.1959

Persons - 393,000

## MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS

| Particulars          | JULY   |         |        |         | Seven Months ended JULY |          |        |         |
|----------------------|--------|---------|--------|---------|-------------------------|----------|--------|---------|
|                      | 1960   |         | 1959   |         | 1960                    |          | 1959   |         |
|                      | Number | Rate(a) | Number | Rate(a) | Number                  | Rate (a) | Number | Rate(a) |
| Marriages            | 304    | 4.91    | 318    | 5.13    | 3,096                   | 7.30     | 3,123  | 7.50    |
| Births               | 1,409  | 22.78   | 1,444  | 23.30   | 9,765                   | 23.03    | 9,948  | 23.89   |
| Deaths               | 533    | 8.62    | 523    | 8.44    | 3,237                   | 7.64     | 3,199  | 7.68    |
| Infant Mortality (b) | 26     | 18.45   | 23     | 15.93   | 201                     | 20.58    | 175    | 17.59   |

(a) Equivalent annual rate per 1,000 of population except for Infant Mortality which represents rate per 1,000 live births. (b) Deaths under one year.

## DEATHS BY PRINCIPAL CAUSES

|  | JULY |      | Seven Months ended JULY |       |
|--|------|------|-------------------------|-------|
|  | 1960 | 1959 | 1960                    | 1959  |
| Tuberculosis                             | 3    | 3    | 21                      | 15    |
| Malignant neoplasms                      | 64   | 80   | 511                     | 539   |
| Diabetes mellitus                        | 4    | 4    | 30                      | 26    |
| Diseases of blood, etc.                  | 3    | 2    | 14                      | 12    |
| Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.               | 69   | 55   | 360                     | 371   |
| Diseases of the heart                    | 201  | 189  | 1,061                   | 1,006 |
| Hypertension with heart disease          | 10   | 9    | 72                      | 72    |
| Other hypertensive diseases              | 3    | 5    | 22                      | 24    |
| Arteriosclerosis                         | 20   | 14   | 107                     | 76    |
| Influenza                                | -    | 5    | 5                       | 76    |
| Pneumonia                                | 18   | 15   | 118                     | 118   |
| Bronchitis                               | 9    | 9    | 51                      | 46    |
| Other respiratory diseases               | 5    | 6    | 33                      | 31    |
| Ulcer of stomach and duodenum            | 2    | 5    | 19                      | 24    |
| Gastro-enteritis and colitis             | 1    | 3    | 10                      | 18    |
| Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis | 1    | -    | 3                       | 4     |
| Cirrhosis of the liver                   | 4    | 4    | 21                      | 12    |
| Nephritis and nephrosis                  | 4    | 9    | 28                      | 38    |
| Disease of the prostate                  | 2    | 9    | 24                      | 36    |
| Maternal causes                          | 2    | -    | 2                       | 4     |
| Diseases of early infancy                | 19   | 14   | 120                     | 102   |
| Motor vehicle accidents                  | 16   | 9    | 123                     | 101   |
| Other accidents                          | 17   | 11   | 106                     | 111   |
| Suicide                                  | 10   | 7    | 52                      | 47    |
| All other causes                         | 46   | 56   | 317                     | 290   |
| Total:                                   | 533  | 523  | 3,230                   | 3,199 |



### LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the eight months ended August, 1960, totalled 452,697 acres, a decrease of 190,211 acres compared with the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered during the same period amounted to 4,113,822 acres, a decrease of 6,147,257 acres compared with the corresponding period of 1959.

### STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

| Item                               | AUGUST    |           | Two Months ended<br>AUGUST |            |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------------|------------|
|                                    | 1960      | 1959      | 1960                       | 1959       |
|                                    | £.        | £.        | £.                         | £.         |
| Revenue                            | 4,777,134 | 4,939,213 | 9,254,134                  | 9,149,361  |
| Revenue per Head of Population     | 6. 10. 8  | 6. 17. 1  | 12. 13. 2                  | 12. 14. 1  |
| Expenditure                        | 5,721,332 | 5,256,026 | 11,140,157                 | 10,747,493 |
| Expenditure per Head of Population | 7. 16. 6  | 7. 5. 10  | 15. 4. 10                  | 14. 18. 5  |

### SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances at the end of August, 1960 amounted to £79,956,599 or £109-4-7 per head of population as against £73,064,883 or £101-6-0 per head at the end of August, 1959.

### BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for the five weeks ended 31st August, 1960, amounted to £21,671,109 compared with £15,315,392 for the corresponding period last year.

### REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

| Registrations effected at the<br>Office of Land Titles and Deeds |     | AUGUST    |           | Two Months ended<br>AUGUST |           |
|--|-----|-----------|-----------|----------------------------|-----------|
|  |     | 1960      | 1959      | 1960                       | 1959      |
| Transfers  | No. | 2,464     | 1,780     | 4,311                      | 3,748     |
|  | £.  | 4,107,278 | 1,969,291 | 7,784,889                  | 5,314,748 |
| Mortgages  | No. | 1,617     | 1,343     | 3,030                      | 2,742     |
|  | £.  | 3,375,026 | 2,800,489 | 6,770,953                  | 5,603,286 |
| Discharges of Mortgages  | No. | 1,237     | 1,041     | 2,271                      | 2,216     |

### SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED

| Period of Receipt<br>of<br>Returns | Taxable Goods   |   | Sales<br>of<br>Exempt<br>Goods | Tax<br>Collected |
|------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------|------------------|
|                                    | Sales in respect<br>of which Tax is<br>Payable<br>(Net) | Sales in respect<br>of which Tax is<br>NOT Payable<br>(Gross) |                                |                  |
|                                    | £.  | £.  | £.                             | £.               |
| August, 1960                       | 5,344,914   | 4,265,587   | 12,268,476                     | 896,042          |
| August, 1959                       | 3,803,395   | 2,983,203   | 10,053,679                     | 600,569          |
| Two Months ended<br>August, 1960   | 9,487,664   | 7,765,917   | 24,209,134                     | 1,542,327        |
| Two Months ended<br>August, 1959   | 7,336,303   | 6,000,139   | 21,526,440                     | 1,156,050        |



COMPANIES REGISTERED

77 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £5,289,000 and 41 Foreign Companies were registered during the two months ended August, 1960. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 69 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £3,405,800 and 23 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

| Item  | Two Months ended AUGUST |                   |              |      |                   |              |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------|------|-------------------|--------------|
|   | 1960                    |                   |              | 1959 |                   |              |
|   | No.                     | Liabilities<br>£. | Assets<br>£. | No.  | Liabilities<br>£. | Assets<br>£. |
| Sequestration Orders                                      | 21                      | 52,486            | 23,176       | 21   | 33,877            | 4,643        |
| Compositions, Assignments<br>and Deeds of Arrangement (a) | 14                      | 37,134            | 28,154       | 9    | 36,885            | 57,011       |

(a) Under Parts XI and XII of Bankruptcy Act.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

| Item                           | JULY       |            | Twelve Months ended JUNE |             |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|--------------------------|-------------|
|                                | 1960       | 1959       | 1960                     | 1959        |
| Gross Earnings (a) £.          | 1,171,050  | 1,309,000  | 15,038,264               | 13,699,803  |
| Operating Expenses (a) £.      | 1,300,341  | 1,368,703  | 15,408,204               | 14,932,503  |
| Train Miles Run No.            | 632,209    | 717,544    | 7,961,880                | 7,707,407   |
| Motor Bus Miles Run No.        | (b) 63,431 | (c) 61,463 | 1,328,167                | 1,291,157   |
| <u>Passenger Journeys -</u>    |            |            |                          |             |
| Train No.                      | 1,064,558  | 1,188,194  | 13,879,329               | 14,615,544  |
| Motor Bus No.                  | 20,861     | 18,412     | 260,625                  | 261,874     |
| <u>Tonnage Carried -</u>       |            |            |                          |             |
| Paying Goods                   | 358,805    | 379,171    | 4,371,535                | 3,764,648   |
| Livestock                      | 9,939      | 10,754     | 161,079                  | 148,519     |
| Departmental<br>(Free Freight) | 43,230     | 75,309     | 676,220                  | 738,729     |
| Total:                         | 411,974    | 465,234    | 5,208,834                | 4,651,896   |
| <u>Net Ton Milage of -</u>     |            |            |                          |             |
| Paying Goods                   | 56,113,706 | 62,794,699 | 684,344,088              | 612,871,158 |
| Livestock                      | 1,152,777  | 1,608,651  | 20,901,108               | 19,412,470  |
| Departmental<br>(Free Freight) | 4,729,759  | 6,047,865  | 63,390,874               | 67,135,687  |
| Total:                         | 61,996,242 | 70,451,215 | 768,636,070              | 699,419,315 |

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Period 1st July to 16th July.

(c) Period 1st July to 18th July.



MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

| Period    | Metropolitan Traffic Area |                |                         |       |              | Whole State (a) |                |                         |       |              |
|-----------|---------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------|--------------|
|           | Cars                      | Station Wagons | Utilities, Vans, Trucks | Buses | Motor Cycles | Cars            | Station Wagons | Utilities, Vans, Trucks | Buses | Motor Cycles |
| 1955      | 6,852                     | 162            | 2,371                   | 18    | 701          | 11,612          | 233            | 5,373                   | 59    | 1,130        |
| 1956      | 5,219                     | 97             | 1,759                   | 24    | 724          | 9,067           | 169            | 4,413                   | 85    | 1,057        |
| 1957      | 5,639                     | 228            | 1,856                   | 35    | 1,007        | 9,865           | 370            | 4,385                   | 71    | 1,447        |
| 1958      | 5,794                     | 762            | 1,942                   | 15    | 1,306        | 9,548           | 1,290          | 4,784                   | 43    | 1,860        |
| 1959      | 5,957                     | 1,205          | 2,454                   | 20    | 1,615        | 9,785           | 1,962          | 5,684                   | 55    | 2,187        |
| 1959 -    |                           |                |                         |       |              |                 |                |                         |       |              |
| July      | 479                       | 123            | 229                     | -     | 118          | 799             | 176            | 486                     | 2     | 176          |
| August    | 489                       | 109            | 225                     | 9     | 76           | 814             | 189            | 487                     | 12    | 125          |
| September | 528                       | 132            | 249                     | 3     | 131          | 828             | 210            | 514                     | 4     | 181          |
| October   | 578                       | 117            | 256                     | 1     | 128          | 959             | 207            | 571                     | 2     | 163          |
| November  | 703                       | 112            | 196                     | 1     | 138          | 1,091           | 207            | 505                     | 1     | 194          |
| December  | 645                       | 113            | 207                     | 4     | 169          | 1,092           | 218            | 528                     | 6     | 217          |
| 1960 -    |                           |                |                         |       |              |                 |                |                         |       |              |
| January   | 471                       | 75             | 134                     | -     | 123          | 711             | 142            | 326                     | 2     | 170          |
| February  | 559                       | 136            | 204                     | -     | 178          | 903             | 214            | 427                     | 7     | 232          |
| March     | 632                       | 114            | 186                     | 7     | 144          | 987             | 199            | 470                     | 10    | 177          |
| April     | 610                       | 121            | 157                     | 3     | 85           | 945             | 216            | 401                     | 8     | 114          |
| May       | 635                       | 158            | 212                     | 1     | 76           | 970             | 268            | 474                     | 3     | 102          |
| June      | 712                       | 175            | 208                     | 3     | 60           | 1,086           | 261            | 444                     | 5     | 98           |
| July      | 635                       | 161            | 200                     | 2     | 57           | 1,019           | 244            | 494                     | 4     | 85           |

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

| Date (as at end of Month) | Metropolitan Traffic Area       |                         |       |              | Whole State (a)                 |                         |          |              |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-------|--------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|----------|--------------|
|                           | Cars (including Station Wagons) | Utilities, Vans, Trucks | Buses | Motor Cycles | Cars (including Station Wagons) | Utilities, Vans, Trucks | Buses    | Motor Cycles |
| 1957 -                    |                                 |                         |       |              |                                 |                         |          |              |
| June                      | 65,013                          | 24,354                  | 560   | 8,770        | 103,788                         | 64,806                  | 1,204    | 13,146       |
| December                  | 67,315                          | 24,209                  | 592   | 8,389        | 107,052                         | 64,236                  | 1,234    | 12,599       |
| 1958 -                    |                                 |                         |       |              |                                 |                         |          |              |
| June                      | 69,414                          | 24,217                  | 553   | 8,580        | 110,573                         | 65,046                  | 1,190    | 12,827       |
| December                  | 73,190                          | 24,908                  | 545   | 8,759        | 114,685                         | 65,582                  | 1,177    | 12,935       |
| 1959 -                    |                                 |                         |       |              |                                 |                         |          |              |
| June                      | 75,203                          | 25,222                  | 584   | 9,080        | 118,112                         | 66,617                  | 1,213    | 13,411       |
| December                  | 78,759                          | 25,955                  | 571   | 9,416        | 123,293                         | 68,017                  | 1,191    | 13,559       |
| 1960 -                    |                                 |                         |       |              |                                 |                         |          |              |
| June                      | 81,636                          | 26,058                  | 554   | 9,422        | 127,863                         | 69,131                  | 1,194    | 13,609       |
| July                      | 83,712                          | 26,445                  | 554   | 9,369        | (b)127,305                      | (b)66,818               | (b)1,186 | (b)12,970    |

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.

(b) Estimated.

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Expressed in Terms of Australian Currency

| Item       | IMPORTS |        |                          |         | EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores) |       |                          |         |
|------------|---------|--------|--------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|-------|--------------------------|---------|
|            | JULY    |        | Twelve Months ended JUNE |         | JULY                              |       | Twelve Months ended JUNE |         |
|            | 1960    | 1959   | 1960                     | 1959    | 1960                              | 1959  | 1960                     | 1959    |
|            | £'000   | £'000  | £'000                    | £'000   | £'000                             | £'000 | £'000                    | £'000   |
| Oversea    | 3,698   | 4,146  | 46,183                   | 44,986  | 6,568                             | 6,260 | 119,813                  | 91,801  |
| Interstate | 7,383   | 8,440  | 123,348                  | 101,215 | 1,655                             | 3,111 | 38,930                   | 34,692  |
| Total:     | 11,081  | 12,586 | 169,531                  | 146,201 | 8,223                             | 9,371 | 158,743                  | 126,493 |





BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

| Period    | Dwellings   |                |                            |                | Factories |                | Other |                | Total  |                |
|-----------|-------------|----------------|----------------------------|----------------|-----------|----------------|-------|----------------|--------|----------------|
|           | Owner-Built |                | By Contractors<br>etc. (a) |                |           |                |       |                |        |                |
|           | No.         | Value<br>£,000 | No.                        | Value<br>£,000 | No.       | Value<br>£,000 | No.   | Value<br>£,000 | No.    | Value<br>£,000 |
| 1950      | 1,313       | 1,365          | 3,331                      | 4,727          | 41        | 263            | 428   | 651            | 5,113  | 7,006          |
| 1951      | 1,913       | 2,835          | 4,137                      | 6,969          | 40        | 459            | 433   | 986            | 6,523  | 11,249         |
| 1952      | 2,883       | 5,824          | 4,946                      | 11,201         | 63        | 667            | 604   | 2,242          | 8,496  | 19,934         |
| 1953      | 2,988       | 7,219          | 4,839                      | 12,624         | 84        | 817            | 714   | 3,657          | 8,625  | 24,317         |
| 1954      | 3,127       | 8,255          | 5,044                      | 13,491         | 111       | 1,544          | 844   | 5,015          | 9,126  | 28,305         |
| 1955      | 2,788       | 8,194          | 6,422                      | 18,091         | 129       | 3,405          | 933   | 6,900          | 10,272 | 36,590         |
| 1956      | 1,921       | 5,708          | 4,773                      | 13,508         | 97        | 946            | 923   | 7,359          | 7,714  | 27,521         |
| 1957      | 1,401       | 4,086          | 4,748                      | 13,680         | 100       | 1,110          | 714   | 6,450          | 6,963  | 25,326         |
| 1958      | 1,371       | 3,884          | 4,638                      | 13,978         | 146       | 1,851          | 714   | 10,735         | 6,869  | 30,448         |
| 1959      | 1,452       | 3,880          | 4,657                      | 14,134         | 138       | 986            | 731   | 9,376          | 6,978  | 28,376         |
| 1960 -    |             |                |                            |                |           |                |       |                |        |                |
| March Qr. | 290         | 749            | 1,088                      | 3,372          | 34        | 323            | 164   | 1,950          | 1,576  | 6,394          |
| June Qr.  | 299         | 844            | 1,377                      | 4,107          | 47        | 291            | 181   | 2,843          | 1,904  | 8,085          |

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residentials excluded from Table (2) below.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

(includes Owner-Built Houses)

| Period    | Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls |                |                     |                |                                     |                |       |                |       |                |
|-----------|---|----------------|---------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------------|
|           | Brick, Stone, Cement, etc.  |                | Wood or Mainly Wood |                | Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement |                | Other |                | Total |                |
|           | No.   | Value<br>£'000 | No.                 | Value<br>£'000 | No.                                 | Value<br>£'000 | No.   | Value<br>£'000 | No.   | Value<br>£'000 |
| 1950      | 1,709   | 2,882          | 337                 | 311            | 2,262                               | 2,572          | 55    | 48             | 4,363 | 5,813          |
| 1951      | 2,155   | 4,560          | 453                 | 525            | 2,933                               | 4,241          | 190   | 218            | 5,731 | 9,544          |
| 1952      | 3,006   | 8,097          | 745                 | 1,609          | 3,844                               | 6,678          | 135   | 263            | 7,730 | 16,647         |
| 1953      | 2,676   | 8,417          | 976                 | 2,657          | 3,966                               | 8,277          | 24    | 54             | 7,642 | 19,405         |
| 1954      | 2,865   | 9,767          | 214                 | 530            | 4,823                               | 10,833         | 4     | 4              | 7,906 | 21,134         |
| 1955      | 3,268   | 11,775         | 225                 | 621            | 5,271                               | 12,614         | 8     | 17             | 8,772 | 25,027         |
| 1956      | 3,017   | 10,491         | 62                  | 175            | 2,964                               | 6,864          | 4     | 9              | 6,047 | 17,539         |
| 1957      | 3,773   | 12,159         | 28                  | 67             | 2,139                               | 4,890          | 6     | 9              | 5,946 | 17,125         |
| 1958      | 3,764   | 12,501         | 41                  | 115            | 1,935                               | 4,547          | 3     | 4              | 5,743 | 17,167         |
| 1959      | 3,762   | 12,327         | 28                  | 58             | 2,066                               | 4,780          | 6     | 13             | 5,862 | 17,178         |
| 1960 -    |   |                |                     |                |                                     |                |       |                |       |                |
| March Qr. | 968   | 3,104          | 7                   | 16             | 380                                 | 872            | 1     | 1              | 1,356 | 3,993          |
| June Qr.  | 1,168   | 3,711          | 5                   | 18             | 411                                 | 1,010          | 1     | 1              | 1,585 | 4,740          |

MINE PRODUCTION OF GOLD (a)

| Item  | Fine oz. | JULY      |           | Seven Months ended JULY |           |
|---|----------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|
|   |          | 1960      | 1959      | 1960                    | 1959      |
|   |          |           |           |                         |           |
| Quantity                                    |          | 73,637    | 71,701    | 490,137                 | 484,786   |
| Value (Aust. Currency)                      | £.       | 1,150,576 | 1,120,333 | 7,658,390               | 7,574,775 |
| Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies | £.       | -         | -         | 948,894                 | 911,094   |

(a) Including gold contained in gold-bearing materials exported. Value is in terms of Australian currency, excluding amounts realized by the Gold Producers' Association Limited on sales of Western Australian gold and amount of subsidy paid by the Commonwealth Government.



RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities for 1923/27 = 1000)

| Centre             | Food and Groceries |      |                             |      | "C" Series      |      |                             |      |
|--------------------|--------------------|------|-----------------------------|------|-----------------|------|-----------------------------|------|
|                    | JUNE<br>Quarter    |      | Twelve Months<br>ended JUNE |      | JUNE<br>Quarter |      | Twelve Months<br>ended JUNE |      |
|                    | 1959               | 1960 | 1959                        | 1960 | 1959            | 1960 | 1959                        | 1960 |
| Metropolitan Area  | 3078               | 3262 | 3010                        | 3157 | 2803            | 2924 | 2772                        | 2862 |
| Kalgoorlie-Boulder | 3304               | 3556 | 3252                        | 3424 | 2698            | 2817 | 2678                        | 2759 |
| Northam            | 3131               | 3279 | 3104                        | 3187 | 2728            | 2819 | 2717                        | 2775 |
| Bunbury            | 3085               | 3278 | 3070                        | 3156 | 2825            | 2935 | 2800                        | 2877 |
| Geraldton          | 3329               | 3568 | 3268                        | 3480 | 3051            | 3194 | 2995                        | 3133 |
| Collie             | 3210               | 3345 | 3175                        | 3281 | 2549            | 2636 | 2536                        | 2596 |

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Excluding Wage Earners in Rural Industry, Female Private Domestic and Personnel in Defence Forces. Prior to December, 1959 excludes also National Service Trainees in camp.)

(Thousands)

| Month        | Males | Females | Persons | Month                | Males | Females | Persons |
|--------------|-------|---------|---------|----------------------|-------|---------|---------|
| <u>1958:</u> |       |         |         | <u>1959 (cont.):</u> |       |         |         |
| August       | 139.0 | 45.9    | 184.9   | August               | 139.9 | 46.9    | 186.8   |
| September    | 139.7 | 46.3    | 186.0   | September            | 140.7 | 47.3    | 188.0   |
| October      | 140.0 | 46.4    | 186.4   | October              | 141.0 | 47.6    | 188.6   |
| November     | 139.7 | 46.6    | 186.3   | November             | 141.1 | 48.2    | 189.3   |
| December     | 140.1 | 46.9    | 187.0   | December             | 140.8 | 48.2    | 189.0   |
| <u>1959:</u> |       |         |         | <u>1960:</u>         |       |         |         |
| January      | 140.0 | 46.4    | 186.4   | January              | 140.8 | 47.3    | 188.1   |
| February     | 140.0 | 46.7    | 186.7   | February             | 141.5 | 48.4    | 189.9   |
| March        | 140.6 | 47.1    | 187.7   | March                | 141.4 | 48.8    | 190.2   |
| April        | 140.7 | 47.2    | 187.9   | April                | 141.0 | 48.7    | 189.7   |
| May          | 140.2 | 47.3    | 187.5   | May                  | 141.1 | 49.3    | 190.4   |
| June         | 140.0 | 47.0    | 187.0   | June                 | 141.7 | 49.1    | 190.8   |
| July         | 140.1 | 47.0    | 187.1   | July                 | 141.9 | 49.2    | 191.1   |

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INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Base: 1928/29 - 19,799 Employees = 100)

| Month     | 1954 | 1955 | 1956 | 1957 | 1958 | 1959 | 1960 |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| January   | 226  | 237  | 241  | 232  | 231  | 229  | 233  |
| February  | 228  | 240  | 241  | 235  | 233  | 231  | 236  |
| March     | 231  | 242  | 240  | 236  | 234  | 233  | 235  |
| April     | 230  | 243  | 239  | 234  | 233  | 233  | 234  |
| May       | 231  | 242  | 238  | 234  | 230  | 232  | 235  |
| June      | 230  | 239  | 235  | 231  | 228  | 229  | 236  |
| July      | 230  | 238  | 231  | 229  | 229  | 229  | 237  |
| August    | 230  | 239  | 230  | 229  | 229  | 230  |      |
| September | 232  | 241  | 233  | 232  | 230  | 232  |      |
| October   | 233  | 241  | 233  | 232  | 232  | 233  |      |
| November  | 234  | 243  | 233  | 233  | 231  | 235  |      |
| December  | 233  | 242  | 232  | 232  | 231  | 234  |      |

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STATE BASIC WAGE

| Date of Operation | Metropolitan Area |     |    | South-West Land Division |     |    | Goldfields and Rest of State |     |    |
|-------------------|-------------------|-----|----|--------------------------|-----|----|------------------------------|-----|----|
|                   | Male              |     |    | Female                   |     |    | Male                         |     |    |
|                   | £.                | s.  | d. | £.                       | s.  | d. | £.                           | s.  | d. |
| 25/7/60           | 14.               | 12. | 3  | 10.                      | 19. | 2  | 14.                          | 9.  | 2  |
|                   |                   |     |    |                          |     |    | 10.                          | 16. | 11 |
|                   |                   |     |    |                          |     |    | 14.                          | 5.  | 11 |
|                   |                   |     |    |                          |     |    | 10.                          | 14. | 5  |

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS AND MEAT PRODUCTION

(1) SLAUGHTERINGS (Number)

| Period                     | Cattle  | Calves | Sheep     | Lambs   | Pigs    |
|----------------------------|---------|--------|-----------|---------|---------|
| July, 1960                 | 24,423  | 1,855  | 122,450   | 51,075  | 15,544  |
| July, 1959                 | 25,921  | 2,340  | 118,792   | 47,234  | 13,898  |
| 12 Months ended June, 1960 | 215,515 | 27,184 | 1,766,712 | 826,879 | 173,791 |
| 12 Months ended June, 1959 | 217,796 | 31,194 | 1,598,047 | 817,255 | 196,656 |

(2) MEAT PRODUCTION (Tons)

| Period                     | Beef   | Veal  | Mutton | Lamb   | Pork(a) |
|----------------------------|--------|-------|--------|--------|---------|
| July, 1960                 | 5,613  | 73    | 2,307  | 699    | 906     |
| July, 1959                 | 5,600  | 87    | 2,155  | 577    | 764     |
| 12 Months ended June, 1960 | 45,017 | 1,025 | 31,271 | 11,406 | 9,623   |
| 12 Months ended June, 1959 | 44,197 | 1,193 | 29,590 | 11,285 | 9,992   |

(a) Includes pork for bacon and ham - see page 12.

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

The term "Metropolitan" refers to the Metropolitan Traffic Area.

| Period                    | Non-Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10) |             | Casualty Accidents |             | Total Accidents Reported |             | Persons Killed |             | Persons Injured |             |
|---------------------------|--|-------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
|                           | Metro-politan                            | Whole State | Metro-politan      | Whole State | Metro-politan            | Whole State | Metro-politan  | Whole State | Metro-politan   | Whole State |
| 1954                      | 5,072                                    | 6,896       | 2,415              | 3,289       | 7,487                    | 10,185      | 96             | 185         | 3,028           | 4,309       |
| 1955                      | 5,878                                    | 7,907       | 2,237              | 3,158       | 8,115                    | 11,065      | 110            | 199         | 2,669           | 3,987       |
| 1956                      | 5,866                                    | 7,961       | 2,161              | 3,036       | 8,027                    | 10,997      | 102            | 182         | 2,653           | 3,889       |
| 1957                      | 6,150                                    | 8,343       | 2,244              | 3,220       | 8,394                    | 11,563      | 87             | 152         | 2,733           | 4,068       |
| 1958                      | 6,614                                    | 8,691       | 2,412              | 3,451       | 9,026                    | 12,142      | 80             | 183         | 2,990           | 4,478       |
| 1959                      | 6,349                                    | 8,492       | 2,474              | 3,521       | 8,823                    | 12,013      | 86             | 171         | 3,135           | 4,624       |
| 7 Months ended July, 1959 | 3,539                                    | 4,788       | 1,448              | 2,041       | 4,987                    | 6,829       | 50             | 97          | 1,786           | 2,622       |
| 7 Months ended July, 1960 | 4,068                                    | 5,365       | 1,577              | 2,178       | 5,645                    | 7,543       | 55             | 112         | 1,955           | 2,814       |
| 1960 -                    |  |             |                    |             |                          |             |                |             |                 |             |
| January                   | 525                                      | 713         | 208                | 283         | 733                      | 996         | 8              | 18          | 273             | 376         |
| February                  | 495                                      | 671         | 213                | 293         | 708                      | 964         | 4              | 12          | 256             | 362         |
| March                     | 576                                      | 764         | 231                | 314         | 807                      | 1,078       | 11             | 21          | 281             | 409         |
| April                     | 503                                      | 683         | 226                | 316         | 729                      | 999         | 9              | 15          | 279             | 418         |
| May                       | 639                                      | 837         | 251                | 342         | 890                      | 1,179       | 11             | 15          | 309             | 442         |
| June                      | 578                                      | 748         | 214                | 308         | 792                      | 1,056       | 6              | 14          | 255             | 387         |
| July                      | 752                                      | 949         | 234                | 322         | 986                      | 1,271       | 6              | 17          | 302             | 420         |



AVERAGE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRICES (METROPOLITAN MARKETS)

Note - The average prices shown in this table have been computed from a systematic sample of auctioneers' records of fruit and vegetables sold on the auction floor at each sale conducted at the Metropolitan Markets. Where the volume of sales of a particular commodity in any month outside its recognized season does not reach a significant proportion of sales for the year, a price has not been shown.

| Item             | Unit                   | 1959     |          |          |          |          | 1960     |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|------------------|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|                  |                        | Aug.     | Sept.    | Oct.     | Nov.     | Dec.     | Jan.     | Feb.     | Mar.     | Apr.     | May      | June     | July     | Aug.     |
| FRUIT            |                        | s. d.    | s. d.    | s. d.    | s. d.    | s. d.    | s. d.    | s. d.    | s. d.    | s. d.    | s. d.    | s. d.    | s. d.    | s. d.    |
| Lemons           | $\frac{3}{4}$ bush.    | 10. 2    | 12. 10   | 12. 6    | 11. 6    | 11. 2    | 11. 3    | 12. 8    | 14. 0    | 14. 1    | 10. 6    | 10. 5    | 9. 7     | 8. 4     |
| Oranges - Navel  | bush.                  | 29. 2    | 32. 7    | 40. 3    | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | 34. 6    | 24. 1    | 20. 7    | 20. 2    | 20. 6    |
| - Val.           | bush.                  | 25. 6    | 28. 0    | 28. 8    | 28. 4    | 29. 0    | 35. 1    | 38. 9    | 34. 4    | 33. 6    | -        | -        | -        | 18. 8    |
| Bananas - Local  | lb.                    | 1. 2     | 1. 1     | 1. 4     | 1. 1     | 1. 0     | 1. 0     | 10       | 11       | 10       | 1. 2     | -        | -        | -        |
| Apples - G.Smith | bush.                  | 25. 5    | 32. 9    | 38. 6    | 40. 7    | 38. 7    | 44. 3    | -        | 15. 10   | 15. 7    | 18. 2    | 22. 9    | 27. 7    | 31. 3    |
| - Other          | bush.                  | 26. 10   | 29. 5    | 34. 4    | 42. 6    | 49. 10   | 37. 6    | 24. 11   | 22. 4    | 24. 10   | 24. 9    | 27. 9    | 40. 3    | 57. 4    |
| Pears            | $\frac{3}{4}$ bush.    | 27. 0    | 27. 11   | -        | -        | -        | -        | 26. 8    | 23. 3    | 22. 6    | 18. 0    | 22. 4    | 25. 5    | 29. 5    |
| Apricots         | $\frac{3}{4}$ bush.    | -        | -        | -        | 32. 11   | 38. 10   | 42. 11   | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        |
| Nectarines       | $\frac{3}{4}$ bush.    | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | 33. 0    | 29. 0    | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        |
| Plums            | $\frac{3}{4}$ bush.    | -        | -        | -        | -        | 46. 2    | 30. 11   | 36. 3    | 29. 8    | 31. 11   | -        | -        | -        | -        |
| Peaches          | $\frac{3}{4}$ bush.    | -        | -        | -        | 22. 10   | 27. 8    | 34. 6    | 28. 9    | 26. 5    | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        |
| Grapes           | $\frac{1}{4}$ bush.    | -        | -        | -        | -        | 26. 4    | 28. 4    | 29. 0    | 27. 4    | 26. 7    | 28. 7    | -        | -        | -        |
| VEGETABLES       |                        |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| Cabbage          | crate (a)              | 5. 2     | 5. 2     | 6. 3     | 7. 6     | 6. 2     | 4. 1     | 4. 7     | 5. 5     | 10. 4    | 18. 5    | 16. 8    | 6. 11    | 4. 9     |
| Cauliflowers     | dozen                  | 9. 4     | 16. 5    | 16. 9    | 14. 2    | -        | -        | 15. 7    | 19. 1    | 12. 11   | 19. 10   | 15. 4    | 12. 0    | 16. 11   |
| Lettuce          | crate                  | 11. 3    | 13. 4    | 11. 4    | 11. 9    | 6. 0     | 6. 11    | 9. 4     | 8. 3     | 8. 3     | 7. 3     | 6. 10    | 9. 5     | 16. 10   |
| Table Celery     | doz. head              | 6. 9     | 7. 5     | 9. 2     | 8. 7     | 7. 10    | 6. 8     | 10. 2    | 10. 9    | 9. 5     | 7. 1     | 5. 11    | 5. 10    | 6. 7     |
| Beetroot         | cwt.                   | 22. 8    | 26. 1    | 24. 1    | 22. 8    | 25. 6    | 20. 11   | 31. 5    | 27. 2    | 34. 2    | 42. 11   | 54. 7    | 62. 5    | 78. 8    |
| Carrots          | cwt.                   | 25. 1    | 28. 6    | 61. 4    | 57. 5    | 23. 11   | 17. 1    | 19. 0    | 18. 6    | 17. 11   | 18. 8    | 17. 9    | 21. 2    | 21. 10   |
| Parsnips         | cwt.                   | 45. 11   | 46. 6    | 44. 11   | 47. 1    | 46. 10   | 38. 2    | 35. 5    | 37. 0    | 32. 7    | 27. 11   | 26. 2    | 37. 8    | 35. 5    |
| Turnips          | $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. bag | 4. 4     | 5. 0     | 4. 8     | 9. 3     | 7. 0     | 5. 0     | 6. 11    | 7. 9     | 11. 11   | 21. 0    | 11. 11   | 12. 5    | 8. 11    |
| Swedes           | cwt.                   | 29. 7    | 27. 4    | 29. 6    | 44. 10   | 49. 9    | 25. 9    | 22. 10   | 33. 6    | 26. 10   | 29. 9    | 22. 5    | 25. 9    | 24. 0    |
| Runner Beans     | lb.                    | 1. 3     | 1. 5     | 1. 6     | 9        | 8        | 5        | 5        | 6        | 9        | 1. 9     | 1. 6     | 1. 5     | 1. 3     |
| Peas             | lb.                    | 1. 0     | 1. 0     | 1. 0     | 11       | 1. 2     | 1. 5     | 1. 4     | 1. 8     | 1. 5     | 1. 4     | 1. 6     | 1. 9     | 1. 0     |
| Sweet Potatoes   | lb.                    | 6        | 7        | 9        | 10       | 8        | 11       | 6        | 5        | 4        | 4        | 4        | 4        | 4        |
| Pumpkin          | bag                    | 29. 6    | 36. 1    | 43. 1    | 60. 6    | 42. 5    | 23. 9    | 17. 11   | 14. 7    | 15. 11   | 21. 6    | 21. 1    | 22. 5    | 27. 6    |
| Tomatoes         | $\frac{3}{4}$ bush.    | 35. 11   | 28. 3    | 21. 5    | 18. 2    | 15. 9    | 19. 1    | 18. 6    | 15. 9    | 16. 3    | 23. 3    | 32. 5    | 28. 4    | 21. 6    |
| Onions (b)       | ton                    | £. s.d.  | £. s.d.  | £. s.d.  | £. s.d.  | £. s.d.  | £. s.d.  | £. s.d.  | £. s.d.  | £. s.d.  | £. s.d.  | £. s.d.  | £. s.d.  | £. s.d.  |
| Potatoes (d)     | ton                    | (c)      | (c)      | (c)      | 55. 0.0  | 55. 0.0  | 55. 0.0  | 60. 0.0  | 60. 0.0  | 60. 0.0  | 60. 0.0  | 60. 0.0  | 52. 10.0 | 52. 10.0 |
|                  |                        | 37. 15.0 | 37. 15.0 | 37. 15.0 | 37. 15.0 | 37. 15.0 | 37. 15.0 | 37. 15.0 | 37. 15.0 | 37. 15.0 | 37. 15.0 | 37. 15.0 | 37. 15.0 | 37. 15.0 |

(a) 50 lb. crate.

(b) W.A. Onion Marketing Board's price to Merchants delivered Metropolitan Area.

(c) Onion Pool closed.

(d) W.A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants F.O.R. Perth.





- (b) W.A. Onion Marketing Board's price to Merchants delivered Metropolitan Area.  
(c) Onion Pool closed.  
(d) W.A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants F.O.R. Perth.

AVERAGE PRICES PER HEAD OF LIVESTOCK - GOOD QUALITY - SOLD AT THE MIDLAND JUNCTION SALEYARDS

| Item      | 1959     |          |          |          |          | 1960     |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |  |
|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--|
|           | Aug.     | Sept.    | Oct.     | Nov.     | Dec..    | Jan.     | Feb.     | Mar.     | Apr.     | May      | June     | July     | Aug.     |  |
| SHEEP     | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. |  |
| Suckers   | 3.12. 7  | 2.14.11  | 2.12. 5  | 2. 9. 1  | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | 3.17. 1  | 3.11.11  |  |
| Lambs     |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |  |
| In Wool   | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | 3.19. 6  | 4. 7. 0  | 3.19.11  | 3.16. 8  | 3. 9. 6  |  |
| Shorn     | -        | -        | 2. 1.10  | 2. 4. 6  | 2.12. 2  | 2.18.11  | 3. 5. 8  | 3.13. 8  | 3. 2. 2  | 3. 9. 6  | 3. 2. 4  | 2.17. 7  | -        |  |
| Hoggets   |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |  |
| In Wool   | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | 3. 9.11  | 4. 1. 2  | 3.14. 7  | -        | -        |  |
| Shorn     | -        | -        | -        | -        | 2.10. 7  | 2.16. 9  | 2.17. 0  | 3. 8. 8  | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        |  |
| Ewes      |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |  |
| In Wool   | 3. 6.10  | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | 2.16. 2  | 3. 6. 8  | 3. 8. 1  | 3. 6. 5  | 2.16. 5  |  |
| Shorn     | 1.16. 2  | 1. 6. 4  | 1. 3. 4  | 1. 3. 9  | 1.11. 3  | 1.14.11  | 1.19. 8  | 2. 5. 8  | 1.16. 5  | 1.19.11  | 2. 8.11  | 2. 3. 9  | 1.19. 0  |  |
| Wethers   |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |  |
| In Wool   | 3.13. 9  | 2.18. 5  | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | 3. 9. 7  | 3.14.11  | 3.16.11  | 3.13. 9  | 3. 0. 4  |  |
| Shorn     | 2. 2. 3  | 1.14. 6  | 1.13. 7  | 1.13.10  | 2. 2. 0  | 2.11. 8  | 2.14. 9  | 2.17. 3  | 2. 0.11  | 2.10. 7  | 2.14. 0  | 2.10. 4  | 2. 5. 6  |  |
| CATTLE    |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |  |
| Baby Beef | 36. 7. 1 | 31.10. 1 | 29.17. 1 | 30. 1. 9 | 30. 0. 9 | 31.16.10 | 33.18.11 | 36. 2. 9 | 40. 5. 6 | 40. 8.11 | 42.15. 2 | 41. 4. 3 | 37.10. 9 |  |
| Heifers   | 42.19. 9 | 40. 9. 4 | 35. 8.10 | 36. 5. 5 | 37. 0. 6 | 38.11. 6 | -        | 43.13. 2 | 51. 7. 9 | 47.10. 0 | 43.10. 2 | -        | 42. 4. 0 |  |
| Cows      | 47. 7. 3 | 45. 2.10 | 42. 9. 7 | 44. 9. 3 | 44.19. 1 | 47. 8. 9 | 50. 6.10 | 53. 8. 5 | 56. 2. 4 | 56. 5.11 | 50.16. 5 | 48.12. 9 | 48. 7. 8 |  |
| Steers    | 50. 2. 9 | 45. 4. 1 | 44.15. 6 | 44.17. 4 | 46. 5. 5 | 49.13. 8 | 51.13. 7 | 53.17. 9 | 59.16. 8 | 53.12. 6 | 52.13. 4 | 49. 9. 6 | 50. 6. 4 |  |
| Bullocks  | 56.15. 2 | 51. 7.10 | 51. 4. 2 | 52. 2.10 | 53. 6. 2 | -        | -        | -        | 69. 4. 0 | 61.17. 9 | 60.10.11 | 61. 5. 1 | 60.16. 9 |  |
| PIGS      |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |  |
| Slips     | 7.15. 1  | 6.15.10  | 5. 8. 2  | 6.15. 5  | 7. 3. 2  | 7. 1.10  | 6. 9. 4  | 6.18. 9  | 7. 9. 2  | 5. 8. 4  | 6.11. 1  | -        | 6.19. 9  |  |
| Porkers   | 11.12. 8 | 12.13. 0 | 12. 7. 6 | 11.14. 7 | 11.17. 2 | 11. 4. 3 | 11.17.10 | 11.13. 5 | 11.19. 4 | 10.17. 5 | 11.10. 4 | 11. 0. 2 | 11.11. 0 |  |
| Baconers  | 17. 9. 4 | 20. 4. 4 | 20. 5. 9 | 18.14. 0 | 18. 9. 2 | 18. 7. 3 | 17. 6. 0 | 16.17. 8 | 17. 0. 3 | 16. 3. 2 | 16.14. 1 | 16.18. 1 | 17. 3. 5 |  |



RETAIL HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES - NEW AGREEMENTS MADE (a)

| Period         | Motor Vehicles,<br>Tractors, etc. |                               |                           | Plant and Machinery     |                               |                           | Household<br>and Personal Goods (b) |                               |                           | Total (All Goods)       |                               |                           | Total<br>Balances<br>Outstanding<br>at end of<br>each period<br>(e) |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|---|
|                | Agree-<br>ments<br>Made           | Total<br>Value of<br>Goods(c) | Amount<br>Financed<br>(d) | Agree-<br>ments<br>Made | Total<br>Value of<br>Goods(c) | Amount<br>Financed<br>(d) | Agree-<br>ments<br>Made             | Total<br>Value of<br>Goods(c) | Amount<br>Financed<br>(d) | Agree-<br>ments<br>Made | Total<br>Value of<br>Goods(c) | Amount<br>Financed<br>(d) |   |
|                | No.                               | £'000                         | £'000                     | No.                     | £'000                         | £'000                     | No.                                 | £'000                         | £'000                     | No.                     | £'000                         | £'000                     | £'000   |
| 1954-55        | 21,679                            | 14,645                        | 8,505                     | 745                     | 604                           | 387                       | 49,831                              | 3,835                         | 3,091                     | 72,255                  | 19,084                        | 11,983                    | 14,151  |
| 1955-56        | 21,810                            | 14,644                        | 9,133                     | 821                     | 531                           | 334                       | 57,592                              | 4,484                         | 3,674                     | 80,223                  | 19,659                        | 13,141                    | 15,388  |
| 1956-57        | 20,790                            | 13,524                        | 8,325                     | 1,385                   | 963                           | 604                       | 60,417                              | 4,338                         | 3,523                     | 82,592                  | 18,825                        | 12,452                    | 15,488  |
| 1957-58        | 26,321                            | 18,176                        | 11,263                    | 1,829                   | 1,542                         | 1,081                     | 64,214                              | 4,811                         | 3,880                     | 92,364                  | 24,529                        | 16,224                    | 19,052  |
| 1958-59        | 26,998                            | 18,216                        | 11,264                    | 2,145                   | 1,782                         | 1,167                     | 51,842                              | 4,175                         | 3,347                     | 80,985                  | 24,173                        | 15,778                    | 20,779  |
| 1958 - June    | 2,078                             | 1,409                         | 874                       | 102                     | 75                            | 57                        | 4,927                               | 323                           | 267                       | 7,107                   | 1,807                         | 1,198                     | 19,052  |
| July           | 2,252                             | 1,472                         | 908                       | 112                     | 58                            | 41                        | 4,513                               | 311                           | 250                       | 6,877                   | 1,841                         | 1,199                     | 19,160  |
| August         | 2,050                             | 1,323                         | 815                       | 101                     | 116                           | 90                        | 4,294                               | 302                           | 246                       | 6,445                   | 1,741                         | 1,151                     | 19,363  |
| September      | 2,234                             | 1,523                         | 945                       | 146                     | 117                           | 77                        | 4,406                               | 346                           | 276                       | 6,786                   | 1,986                         | 1,298                     | 19,605  |
| October        | 2,602                             | 1,673                         | 1,037                     | 234                     | 230                           | 143                       | 5,035                               | 387                           | 321                       | 7,871                   | 2,290                         | 1,501                     | 20,107  |
| November       | 2,283                             | 1,645                         | 1,024                     | 324                     | 367                           | 234                       | 4,881                               | 402                           | 328                       | 7,488                   | 2,414                         | 1,586                     | 20,708  |
| December       | 2,355                             | 1,593                         | 992                       | 190                     | 174                           | 110                       | 6,086                               | 494                           | 402                       | 8,631                   | 2,261                         | 1,504                     | 21,201  |
| 1959 - January | 2,343                             | 1,512                         | 952                       | 114                     | 62                            | 43                        | 4,592                               | 480                           | 360                       | 7,049                   | 2,054                         | 1,355                     | 21,308  |
| February       | 2,140                             | 1,441                         | 893                       | 139                     | 111                           | 71                        | 3,532                               | 325                           | 254                       | 5,811                   | 1,877                         | 1,218                     | 20,570  |
| March          | 2,122                             | 1,569                         | 956                       | 188                     | 143                           | 95                        | 3,653                               | 280                           | 228                       | 5,963                   | 1,992                         | 1,279                     | 20,526  |
| April          | 2,262                             | 1,598                         | 977                       | 274                     | 204                           | 129                       | 3,817                               | 313                           | 251                       | 6,353                   | 2,115                         | 1,357                     | 20,699  |
| May            | 2,178                             | 1,455                         | 896                       | 192                     | 123                           | 82                        | 3,833                               | 272                           | 221                       | 6,203                   | 1,850                         | 1,199                     | 20,818  |
| June           | 2,177                             | 1,412                         | 869                       | 131                     | 77                            | 52                        | 3,200                               | 263                           | 210                       | 5,508                   | 1,752                         | 1,131                     | 20,779  |
| July           | 2,213                             | 1,562                         | 952                       | 139                     | 97                            | 63                        | 3,374                               | 297                           | 232                       | 5,726                   | 1,956                         | 1,247                     | 20,878  |
| August         | 2,282                             | 1,641                         | 1,026                     | 132                     | 87                            | 61                        | 3,660                               | 284                           | 229                       | 6,074                   | 2,012                         | 1,316                     | 21,107  |
| September      | 2,446                             | 1,596                         | 1,002                     | 174                     | 145                           | 89                        | 3,790                               | 360                           | 292                       | 6,410                   | 2,101                         | 1,383                     | 21,407  |
| October        | 2,620                             | 1,822                         | 1,154                     | 354                     | 352                           | 223                       | 3,663                               | 356                           | 288                       | 6,637                   | 2,530                         | 1,665                     | 21,991  |
| November       | 2,687                             | 1,987                         | 1,231                     | 445                     | 534                           | 335                       | 3,871                               | 427                           | 344                       | 7,003                   | 2,948                         | 1,910                     | 22,892  |
| December       | 2,889                             | 2,165                         | 1,360                     | 221                     | 224                           | 138                       | 4,709                               | 461                           | 368                       | 7,819                   | 2,850                         | 1,866                     | 23,633  |
| 1960 - January | 2,530                             | 1,581                         | 996                       | 152                     | 109                           | 67                        | 3,831                               | 486                           | 385                       | 6,513                   | 2,176                         | 1,448                     | 23,716  |
| February       | 2,514                             | 1,733                         | 1,086                     | 181                     | 126                           | 82                        | 3,410                               | 456                           | 363                       | 6,105                   | 2,315                         | 1,531                     | 22,865  |
| March          | 2,756                             | 1,987                         | 1,229                     | 263                     | 155                           | 98                        | 4,234                               | 582                           | 462                       | 7,253                   | 2,724                         | 1,789                     | 23,279  |
| April          |                                   |                               |                           |                         |                               |                           |                                     |                               |                           |                         |                               |                           | 23,602  |
| May            |                                   |                               |                           |                         |                               |                           |                                     |                               |                           |                         |                               |                           | 24,282  |
| June           |                                   |                               |                           |                         |                               |                           |                                     |                               |                           |                         |                               |                           | 24,946  |

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(a) Figures relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. (b) Includes furniture and furnishings, domestic refrigerators, electrical goods, radios, musical instruments, bicycles and other household and personal goods. (c) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance). (d) Excludes hiring charges and insurance. (e) Includes hiring charges and insurance.



# RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS

(£ million)

| Period<br>(a) | Groceries | Butchers' Meat | Other Food-<br>Stuffs,<br>Soft<br>Drinks | Beer,<br>Wine<br>and<br>Spirits | Clothing,<br>Drapery,<br>Soft<br>Furnishings | Foot-<br>wear | Hardware,<br>China and<br>Glass-<br>ware (b) | Elect-<br>rical<br>Goods,<br>Pianos,<br>etc. | Furniture,<br>Floor<br>Coverings,<br>Mattresses | Chem-<br>ists' Goods | News-<br>papers,<br>Books,<br>Station-<br>ery | Other<br>Goods<br>(c) | Total<br>(excl.<br>Motor<br>Vehicles,<br>etc.) | Motor Veh-<br>icles, Trac-<br>tors, Parts,<br>Petrol, etc.<br>(d) |
|---------------|-----------|----------------|--|---------------------------------|--|---------------|--|--|---|----------------------|---|-----------------------|--|---|
| 1948-49       | 10.8      | 4.0            | 7.1                                      | 8.5                             | 12.6   | 1.7           | 3.8  | 2.4  | 3.0   | 1.6                  | 1.7   | 7.5                   | 64.7   | 13.7  |
| 1952-53       | 20.7      | 8.2            | 13.7                                     | 14.4                            | 20.5   | 3.6           | 9.3  | 6.1  | 5.2   | 3.2                  | 3.3   | 18.2                  | 126.4  | 37.3  |
| 1956-57       | 26.2      | 11.3           | 18.6                                     | 17.6                            | 24.2   | 3.9           | 10.1   | 7.5  | 6.1   | 4.6                  | 4.4   | 21.3                  | 155.8  | 49.3  |
| 1957-58       | 27.4      | 12.0           | 19.4                                     | 19.5                            | 28.6(e)                                      | (e)           | 10.1   | 8.2  | 6.5   | (f)                  | (f)   | 31.8(f)               | 163.5  | 56.3  |
| 1958-59       | 28.8      | 11.2           | 19.5                                     | 18.4                            | 24.9   | 4.2           | 10.9   | 8.6  | 6.6   | 5.6                  | 4.8   | 21.3                  | 164.8  | 55.3  |
| Sept. Qr.     |           |                |  |                                 |  |               |  |  |   |                      |   |                       |  |   |
| 1956          | 6.6       | 2.9            | 4.4                                      | 3.8                             | 6.6(e)                                       | (e)           | 2.4  | 1.6  | 1.5   | (f)                  | (f)   | 6.6(f)                | 36.4   | 11.5  |
| 1957          | 6.6       | 3.1            | 4.5                                      | 4.2                             | 6.7(e)                                       | (e)           | 2.5  | 1.9  | 1.6   | (f)                  | (f)   | 7.0(f)                | 38.1   | 13.6  |
| 1958          | 7.0       | 2.8            | 4.6                                      | 4.0                             | 5.9  | 1.0           | 2.5  | 1.9  | 1.6   | 1.3                  | 1.1   | 4.4                   | 38.1   | 13.0  |
| 1959          | 7.5       | 2.9            | 5.0                                      | 4.2                             | 6.3  | 1.1           | 2.7  | 2.4  | 1.7   | 1.4                  | 1.1   | 4.5                   | 40.8   | 14.7  |
| Dec. Qr.      |           |                |  |                                 |  |               |  |  |   |                      |   |                       |  |   |
| 1956          | 6.7       | 2.8            | 4.8                                      | 4.7                             | 8.2(e)                                       | (e)           | 2.7  | 2.3  | 1.6   | (f)                  | (f)   | 7.8(f)                | 41.6   | 12.5  |
| 1957          | 7.2       | 3.0            | 5.0                                      | 5.3                             | 8.5(e)                                       | (e)           | 2.9  | 2.6  | 1.8   | (f)                  | (f)   | 8.1(f)                | 44.4   | 14.7  |
| 1958          | 7.6       | 2.8            | 5.0                                      | 5.2                             | 7.1  | 1.2           | 3.1  | 2.9  | 1.8   | 1.5                  | 1.3   | 5.2                   | 44.7   | 14.1  |
| 1959          | 8.0       | 2.9            | 5.6                                      | 5.2                             | 7.8  | 1.3           | 3.3  | 3.4  | 2.1   | 1.6                  | 1.4   | 5.5                   | 48.1   | 17.0  |
| March Qr.     |           |                |  |                                 |  |               |  |  |   |                      |   |                       |  |   |
| 1956          | 6.4       | 2.6            | 4.8                                      | 4.6                             | 5.8(e)                                       | (e)           | 2.3  | 2.1  | 1.4   | (f)                  | (f)   | 7.8(f)                | 37.8   | 12.7  |
| 1957          | 6.3       | 2.7            | 4.7                                      | 4.9                             | 6.0(e)                                       | (e)           | 2.4  | 1.8  | 1.5   | (f)                  | (f)   | 8.1(f)                | 38.4   | 12.1  |
| 1958          | 6.7       | 2.9            | 5.0                                      | 5.4                             | 6.0(e)                                       | (e)           | 2.4  | 2.0  | 1.5   | (f)                  | (f)   | 8.5(f)                | 40.4   | 14.0  |
| 1959          | 7.0       | 2.7            | 5.2                                      | 5.0                             | 5.1  | 0.9           | 2.6  | 2.0  | 1.5   | 1.3                  | 1.2   | 5.6                   | 40.1   | 13.9  |
| 1960          | 7.5       | 2.8            | 5.8                                      | 5.2                             | 5.9  | 1.0           | 2.9  | 3.3  | 1.9   | 1.4                  | 1.3   | 6.3                   | 45.3   | 16.6  |
| June Qr.      |           |                |  |                                 |  |               |  |  |   |                      |   |                       |  |   |
| 1956          | 6.7       | 2.8            | 4.3                                      | 3.7                             | 7.3(e)                                       | (e)           | 2.5  | 1.5  | 1.4   | (f)                  | (f)   | 7.5(f)                | 37.7   | 11.1  |
| 1957          | 6.6       | 2.9            | 4.7                                      | 4.2                             | 7.3(e)                                       | (e)           | 2.6  | 1.8  | 1.5   | (f)                  | (f)   | 7.8(f)                | 39.4   | 13.2  |
| 1958          | 6.9       | 3.0            | 4.9                                      | 4.6                             | 7.4(e)                                       | (e)           | 2.3  | 1.7  | 1.6   | (f)                  | (f)   | 8.2(f)                | 40.6   | 14.0  |
| 1959          | 7.2       | 2.9            | 4.7                                      | 4.2                             | 6.8  | 1.1           | 2.7  | 1.8  | 1.7   | 1.5                  | 1.2   | 6.1                   | 41.9   | 14.3  |
| 1960          | (g)       | (g)            | (g)                                      | (g)                             | (g)  | (g)           | (g)  | (g)  | (g)   | (g)                  | (g)   | (g)                   | 47.0   | (g)   |

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1957 are subject to revision. (b) Excludes basic building materials (e.g. Timber, Building Sheets, Tiles, Joinery, Cement). (c) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (d) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth-moving Equipment, etc. (e) Footwear is included with Clothing, Drapery, Soft Furnishings. (f) Chemists' Goods and Papers, Books, Stationery are included with Other Goods. (g) Not yet available.



MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS

| Item  | Unit            | JULY   |        | Twelve Months ended<br>JUNE |         |
|---|-----------------|--------|--------|-----------------------------|---------|
|   |                 | 1960   | 1959   | 1960                        | 1959(a) |
| <u>Building Materials, etc.</u>                       |                 |        |        |                             |         |
| Bath Heaters - solid fuel                             | number          | 812    | 559    | 6,187                       | 5,609   |
| Bricks - Clay (b)                                     | '000            | 8,522  | 9,260  | 100,478                     | 93,194  |
| Fibrous Plaster Sheets                                | '000 sq.yd      | 144    | 122    | 1,523                       | 1,349   |
| Lime (Quicklime)                                      | ton             | 3,168  | 1,984  | 23,755                      | 22,983  |
| Ready Mixed Paints and Enamels excluding Water Paints | gallon          | 26,440 | 28,635 | 366,731                     | 302,229 |
| Tiles, Roofing - Cement                               | '000            | 333    | 496    | 5,671                       | 5,740   |
| Timber - Sawn (from Local Logs) (c)                   | '000 sup.ft.    | 16,512 | 20,538 | 201,809                     | 211,832 |
| <u>Clothing</u>                                       |                 |        |        |                             |         |
| Blazers - Men's and Boys'                             | number          | 1,153  | 1,299  | 12,108                      | 10,986  |
| Pyjamas, Woven - Men's and Boys'                      | dozen           | 1,055  | 286    | 11,586                      | 12,900  |
| Shirts (all types) Men's and Boys'                    | "               | 4,542  | 4,913  | 59,761                      | 54,125  |
| Suits - Men's - 3 piece                               | number          | 28     | 90     | 537                         | 630     |
| - 2 piece   | "               | 1,783  | 1,455  | 17,203                      | 14,994  |
| Trousers - Men's - Sport                              | "               | 5,863  | 5,645  | 75,510                      | 59,684  |
| - Work  | "               | 18,323 | 16,933 | 180,904                     | 160,206 |
| <u>Footwear</u>                                       |                 |        |        |                             |         |
| Boots, Shoes and Sandals (all types)                  | pair            | 46,922 | 36,564 | 593,931                     | 566,970 |
| Slippers  | "               | 9,898  | 12,269 | 163,544                     | 233,762 |
| <u>Food and Drink</u>                                 |                 |        |        |                             |         |
| Aerated Waters  | '000 gallon     | 148    | 191    | 4,330                       | 4,386   |
| Cordials and Syrups                                   | gallon          | 7,156  | 7,036  | 191,157                     | 226,350 |
| Bacon and Ham   | '000 lb.        | 465    | 517    | 6,758                       | 6,619   |
| Butter  | "               | 1,879  | 1,691  | 16,599                      | 13,813  |
| Cheese  | "               | 228    | 361    | 3,229                       | 2,645   |
| <u>Miscellaneous</u>                                  |                 |        |        |                             |         |
| Acid - Acetic   | cwt.            | 380    | 525    | 7,052                       | 6,585   |
| - Sulphuric   | ton             | 12,271 | 13,308 | 224,695                     | 192,077 |
| Coal  | "               | 83,896 | 87,165 | 908,474                     | 905,526 |
| Electricity Generated                                 | '000 kwh.       | 89,298 | 78,498 | 926,627                     | 876,169 |
| Gas Produced  | million cub.ft. | 142    | 127    | 1,433                       | 1,418   |
| Mattresses - Inner Spring                             | number          | 3,077  | 2,976  | 38,074                      | 33,613  |
| - Woven Wire(d)                                       | "               | 4,585  | 869    | 24,398                      | 26,669  |
| - Soft Filled   | "               | 2,424  | 3,232  | 34,510                      | 33,782  |
| Motor Vehicle Bodies - Truck Trays                    | "               | 58     | 27     | 704                         | 474     |
| Pig Iron  | ton             | 4,357  | 3,619  | 47,534                      | 24,330  |
| Superphosphate  | "               | 33,045 | 35,745 | 629,040                     | 529,799 |
| Wool - Scoured  | '000 lb.        | 2,019  | 2,964  | 33,636                      | 28,199  |

- (a) Final figures.  
 (b) Standard size.  
 (c) Includes plywood veneers in terms of super feet.  
 (d) Includes mattresses made and incorporated in folding beds and stretchers.

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